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TO: The Deputy Director, Plans,
Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: ☐ ☐

SUBJECT: LAUNAGS, Freds Z. - Potential Defector

A decision has not been reached on issuance of a passport to Mr. Launags who is the Subject of your CSCI 316/01066-66, March 11. To assist in reaching a decision, the Department would like to have answers to the following questions clearly specifying what serious injury the national interest might incur if a passport is issued to him:

1. Does the subject have information the revelation of which could in any way endanger the lives of our intelligence personnel, or our intelligence operations?
2. Why is subject likely to give information to the Soviet authorities?
3. On April 23 Launags wrote the Department that he wishes to visit his sister in Australia and needs his passport. Does CIA believe that by issuing a passport valid for all travel except to the restricted areas (Communist China, Cuba, Albania, North Korea, and North Viet-Nam) and other Communist-controlled areas (particularly Eastern Europe) the risk of defection and divulgence of classified information might be reduced considerably?
4. Would the passage of time have lessened the sensitivity of Launags' knowledge of intelligence operations and personnel?
5. Will we be

Lives, no
Operation?

yes & no
Notify Australian

yes

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5. Will we be able to show in Court probable cause to believe subject will reveal secrets involving the national interest?

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Your assistance and early reply will be appreciated.

For the Deputy Director
for Coordination

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Cc: Federal Bureau of Investigation

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